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A Loose Tongue

IT WAS not made clear just why Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota reported to his constituents about the overseas spying operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is difficult to see that any constructive purpose was served.

In fact, on the surface it appears that he has rendered a distinct disservice to this nation.

As one of only six senators who are privy to the financial operations of the CIA, Mr. Young has access to secrets known to few people. The organization is purposefully secretive, which any security-conscious person should understand.

If the story as disclosed by Sen. Young is true, undoubtedly the CIA's operations will be affected adversely. If the story is not true, this nation will look ridiculous.

Any member of the armed forces who leaked this type of information would be court-martialed. What do you do in the case of a loose-tongued senator?